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QUARTERLY SANCTUARY ADVISORY COUNCIL ACTIONS

Channel Islands National Marine Sanctuary Advisory Council

May 17, 2013

Channel Islands Sanctuary Advisory Council approves World Oceans Day Letter to Media

On May 17th, 2013 the Channel Islands National Marine Sanctuary Advisory Council unanimously approved expressing their collective voices on World Oceans Day (June 8) to help bring attention to the importance of our ocean and to encourage personal action to protect and enjoy it. The advisory council will be submitting a "letter to the editor" to multiple print media outlets, highlighting some select economic facts about the importance of the ocean, such as the more than 134,000 jobs generated from fishing, tourism, transportation, and shipping, and the over \$20 billion contributed to the economy in southern California from tourism. The advisory council's letter also calls on readers to consider taking specific actions: attending a World Oceans Day event; learning about or exploring a local beach, coastal park, or national marine sanctuary; protecting the ocean by keeping out pollutants and trash and fishing responsibly; volunteering to help out; and speaking up for the ocean.

Channel Islands Sanctuary Advisory Council comments on ONMS National Condition Report

On May 17th, 2013 the Channel Islands National Marine Sanctuary Advisory Council unanimously approved forwarding a memo from their Research Activities Panel (RAP) working group to the sanctuary superintendent and ONMS Headquarters expressing concerns about the draft National Condition Report. The RAP, who had previously reviewed a draft version of the report and developed comments in April, raised concerns that the national report contains "no indicators of the quality of information" used to produce the site condition reports, and gives the overall impression that more monitoring is in place throughout the system than is actually the case. The RAP emphasized, "Our greatest concern is that such reports, both in local and nationally summarized forms, will be used as a substitute for reliable, actionable information. Although stated many times in the past, it remains true: Expert opinion cannot be used as a cheap alternative to monitoring." In addition to passing along these comments from the RAP, several members of the advisory council noted other concerns about certain aspects of the report, with particular angst expressed by fishing representatives that felt the characterization of fishing as a "primary" threat was neither substantiated nor consistent with messages heard from local sanctuary staff. In accordance with the advisory council's motion, the RAP memo and notes about other comments were transmitted by CINMS staff to ONMS headquarters.

Family of Fallen U.S. Coast Guard Officer to receive Condolences and Support from Channel Islands Sanctuary Advisory Council

In December of 2012 U.S. Coast Guard officer Terrell Horne III was tragically killed in the line of duty while interdicting a suspicious vessel within the Channel Islands National Marine Sanctuary. On May 17, 2013 the sanctuary advisory council voted unanimously to send a letter of condolence

to Officer Horne's surviving wife and two children, expressing sympathy and noting, "We are grateful for his service. The courage and dedication that he, and the rest of your family, has exhibited allowed him to selflessly serve our community. This is highly commendable and our community is indebted to your family for your sacrifice." In addition to the letter, council members signed a card and pooled together donations of money and family-friendly passes to local attractions. Leading and coordinating all of this effort was Maria Petueli, the council's education seat member.

Cordell Bank National Marine Sanctuary Advisory Council

[April 25, 2013](#)

Advisory Council Elects New Officers

At the April 25th meeting in Petaluma, CA, the Cordell Bank National Marine Sanctuary Advisory Council elected George Clyde to serve as the advisory council's Chair and Kevin Krick to serve as the advisory council's Vice-Chair. George was previously the advisory council's Vice-Chair and has served over six years on the advisory council representing Community-at-Large for Marin County. George is also a member of the Gulf of the Farallones National Marine Sanctuary Advisory Council representing Maritime Activities/Recreation as an alternate. Kevin Krick became a member of the Cordell Bank National Marine Sanctuary Advisory Council in 2010 representing Maritime Activities. Kevin is the Senior Director of Security/Environment for the world's 7th largest container shipping company, APL.

Gulf of the Farallones National Marine Sanctuary Advisory Council

[May 22, 2013](#)

Advisory Council Adopts Resolution on Proposed Federal Regulations

At the May 22nd meeting in San Francisco, CA, the Gulf of the Farallones National Marine Sanctuary Advisory Council followed the lead of the Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary Advisory Council by adopting a resolution addressing the introduction of non-native species into all California sanctuaries in federal waters. The resolution supports the proposed federal regulations on introduced species and encourages the State of California to support applicability of these federal regulations in state waters within sanctuaries. The resolution is available at http://farallones.noaa.gov/manage/pdf/sac/13_05/introducedspecies_reso.pdf

Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary Advisory Council

[April 18, 2013](#)

Advisory Council Adopts Resolutions on Introduced Species Regulation and Expansion of Gulf of the Farallones NMS and Cordell Bank NMS

At the April 18th meeting in Salinas, CA, the Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary Advisory Council (advisory council) adopted two resolutions. The first resolution provided advisory council support to the Office of National Marine Sanctuaries in finalizing the proposed regulations on introduced species in an effort to ensure the integrity of the marine ecosystem. This resolution also

encouraged the State of California to support applicability of these federal regulations in state waters within sanctuaries. The second resolution provided advisory council support for expansion of Gulf of the Farallones and Cordell Bank National Marine Sanctuaries. Both resolutions are available on the advisory council's website at <http://montereybay.noaa.gov/sac/sacact.html>.

Olympic Coast National Marine Sanctuary Advisory Council

[April 26, 2013](#)

Advisory Council Data Management Working Group Improves Characterization of OCNMS Research Projects and Data Collection

At the May 17th meeting in Neah Bay, WA, the Olympic Coast National Marine Sanctuary (OCNMS) Advisory Council accepted a final letter from the Advisory Council Data Management Working Group (DMWG) dated April 26, 2013 recognizing the closing of the DMWG. The efforts of the DMWG began in 2011 to track accomplishments of its goals to improve the characterization of research projects and data collection efforts by OCNMS on its web site and to improve accessibility of OCNMS generated data. Data management, sharing and reporting is a key component of the OCNMS 2011 Management Plan. The DMWG prepared a written report dated August 1st, 2012 and presented it at the September 21, 2012 meeting, but deferred discussion until working group chairs were present. The advisory council accepted the written report as the final product of the working group and provided unanimous support for disbanding the working group at the March 15, 2013 advisory council meeting. The council also recommended that OCNMS continue staffing data management efforts and provide the council an annual status report on its data processing and sharing progress.

The Data Management Working Group final letter is available on the advisory council's website at http://olympiccoast.noaa.gov/involved/sac/letter_datamgmt_wkgrp.pdf and the final report referenced to in that letter can be found at http://olympiccoast.noaa.gov/involved/sac/report_datamanagement.pdf

[June 3, 2013](#)

Advisory Council Sends Ocean Acidification Recommendations to WA Office of Governor

On June 3rd OCNMS Superintendent Carol Bernthal sent a transmittal letter to Washington State's Office of the Governor's Senior Energy and Environmental Policy Advisor with recommendations of eight prioritized actions on ocean acidification, in order of highest priority, for Washington State's outer coast. The recommendations were produced by the joint Advisory Council and Intergovernmental Policy Councils' Ocean Acidification Working Group based on the Washington State Blue Panel Ribbon on Ocean Acidification and were presented at the May 17th meeting in Neah Bay, WA. The advisory council approved the recommendations, accompanied by a draft interim report, and moved that OCNMS Superintendent send forward with the hope of influencing implementation priorities and support the need for Washington State funds to implement key priorities. The letter from the advisory council has been forwarded to Washington State and the Olympic Coast Intergovernmental Policy Council.

The transmittal letter and supporting documents are available on the advisory council's website at http://olympiccoast.noaa.gov/involved/sac/sac_actions.html
